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*Die Wege und Entfernungen zur See im Welt-Verkehr.* By Dr. R. Jannasch. 17 tables and map of the world. Published by "Export." Berlin, 1904. (Price, 3 marks.)

The tables in this book give a vast amount of information with regard to ocean trade routes and the distances by sea between all ports of importance. If we turn, for example, to "New York" in the index we are referred to pages on which are printed twelve tables giving the distances between New York and ports on all the oceans, and sometimes in relation to various routes, as *via* the Suez Canal or the Cape. The distances are given in nautical miles, which may be converted into statute miles, if desired, by multiplying the figures by 1.15. The accompanying map is large enough to show practically all the deep-sea routes, with the distances from port to port. This useful compilation would have saved some writers in the past few years many hours of labour, and it will be a time-saving reference book in counting houses and many other places.

*Pitman's German Commercial Reader.* 208 pp., 3 maps, and a German-English vocabulary. Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons. London and New York. (Price, 85c.)

*Pitman's French Commercial Reader.* 214 pp., maps and other illustrations and a French-English vocabulary. Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons. London and New York. (Price, 85c.)

These books, intended for students in commercial courses, give an insight into the methods of business and of business correspondence in Germany and France respectively. Their vocabularies are designed to familiarize the student with the words commonly used in the commercial intercourse of those countries. The German book has a short commercial geography of Germany, a history of commerce, articles on all the leading branches of German trade, together with the lives of a number of famous men of business. The French book is written practically on the same lines. Students who have had about two years' training in German and French will be able to use these books to good advantage.

*Old Cape Colony. A Chronicle of her Men and Houses from 1625 to 1806.* By Mrs. A. P. Trotter. 320 pp., numerous illustrations, and Index. A. Constable & Co., Ltd., London, 1903.

The author was much interested in the history of the oldest farms of Cape Colony, of the earliest settlers, of the men who made the laws, and of the gabled houses that sheltered the pioneers. She

went on bicycle trips to sketch the still existing memorials of the early days, and searched the archives for material. The result is a book full of sketches reproducing picturesque bits from the architecture, handiwork, and other aspects of the olden time, besides a number of portraits of the old worthies themselves. The letter-press in which these sketches are set has much antiquarian and historical value and carries a vivid human interest, for it deals with the men and women who helped to fashion the destinies of a great colony.

*Thirty Seasons in Scandinavia.* By E. B. Kennedy. lx and 278 pp., and 20 half-tone illustrations. Edward Arnold, London; and Longmans, Green & Co., New York, 1903. (Price, \$3.80 net; \$4 by mail.)

Mr. Kennedy was attracted to the solitudes of the Norwegian fiords and the great Scandinavian uplands by the advantages they offer to the man who loves to spend his vacations with rod, rifle, or gun in hand. He found that the arts of the angler and the Nimrod may be practiced there with the keenest zest and delight, and the result is that for thirty-one consecutive seasons he has wandered for many weeks along the seaboard and in the far interior. He has had rich experiences in roughing it through the great peninsula; and having an eye for the beautiful and the tastes both of the naturalist and the sportsman, he has filled his pages with a large variety of interesting description and information, bringing us into closer touch with the phases of nature that are most characteristic of the country. The book has also considerable geographical interest of the popular sort. The author speaks of the Jostedal Glacier as covered with perpetual snow and the largest and finest in Europe:

This gigantic octopus shoots its twenty-four icy tentacles into the valleys which form its boundaries. Its length is about sixty English miles and area about 500 square miles.

Sporting camps, the salmon and trout streams, lemmings, reindeer, beavers, and other beasts and birds, ski travel, winter sports, and the condition of the peasantry are among the many topics of the volume.

*In Russian Turkestan.* By Annette M. B. Meakin. xvii and 316 pp., 16 full-page illustrations, a map, and Index. George Allen, London, 1903. (Price, 7s. 6d.)

The writer, whose earlier travels and studies were an excellent preparative for this journey and its literary results, does not dilate,